

TRANSIT OF U.S. TROOPS

*Exchange of notes at Panama February 15 and 24, 1939, modifying
agreement of July 18 and 20, 1912*

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Department of State files

*The American Minister to the Secretary of Foreign Relations
and Communications*

No. 273

PANAMÁ, February 15, 1939

EXCELLENCY:

By request of the Commanding General of the Panamá Canal Department, I have the honor to request to be informed whether the Government of Panamá would be agreeable, in respect solely to inter-post movements of troops of that Department, to waive the prior advice of such movements which is now given through the Legation in accordance with the desires expressed by the then Secretary of Foreign Relations in his note No. 2394, of July 20, 1912, replying to the Legation's note No. 221, of July 18, 1912.²

The Commanding General's communication refers specifically to the situation existing at the Paitilla Point Military Reservation, and my present note should be taken to bear only on routine and periodic movements of small detachments of troops and equipment through the jurisdiction of the Republic to and from that Reservation. These movements are in the nature of inter-post communication, the Paitilla Point garrison being in reality a sub-post of Fort Amador, and are undertaken in connection with the periodic relief of that garrison and for its temporary augmentation on special occasions in accordance with the training program.

Since these periodic movements are between specific points along a definite route (Fort Amador—Fourth of July Avenue—Calle P—Avenida Central—Vía España—Paitilla Point, and reverse) and since the authorities of the District of Panamá, the only district traversed, are familiar therewith through long custom, it is my belief that the Commanding General's suggestion that notifications be waived in respect thereto has merit and will commend itself

¹ 6 UST 2273; TIAS 3297.

² *Ante*, p. 697.

to Your Excellency's consideration, if only for its obviation of separate correspondence in each case.

Accept, Excellency, the renewed assurance of my highest consideration.

FRANK P. CORRIGAN

His Excellency

Señor Doctor Don NARCISO GARAY,

Secretary of Foreign Relations and Communications.

*The Secretary of Foreign Relations and Communications
to the American Minister*

[TRANSLATION]

MINISTRY OF FOREIGN RELATIONS
AND COMMUNICATIONS
Diplomatic Department

D.D. No. 378

PANAMÁ, February 24, 1939

MR. MINISTER:

I have the honor to refer to Your Excellency's note No. 273 of the 15th instant in which you ask me, at the request of the Commanding General of the Military Department of the Panama Canal, to inform you if the Government of Panamá would agree, solely in regard to the inter-post movements of the troops of said Department to waive the prior advice of such movements which is now given this Government by that Legation in accordance with the desire expressed by the then Secretary of Foreign Relations in his note No. 2394, of July 20, 1912, replying to note No. 212 [221] of that Legation, dated July 12, 1912.

Your Excellency states that the Commanding General's communication refers specifically to the situation existing at the Paitilla Point Military Reservation, and that your note under reply refers only to the routine and periodic movements of small detachments of troops and equipment through the jurisdiction of the Republic to and from that Reservation; that these movements are in the nature of inter-post communication, the Paitilla Point garrison being in reality a sub-post of Fort Amador, and are undertaken in connection with the periodic relief of that garrison and for its temporary augmentation on special occasions in accordance with the training program.

Your Excellency adds that since these periodic movements are between specific points along a definite route (from Fort Amador over Fourth of July Avenue, Calle P, Avenida Central, and Vía España to Paitilla Point, and reverse), and since the authorities of the District of Panamá, the only district traversed, are familiar therewith through long custom, Your Excellency believes that the Commanding General's suggestion that notifications be waived in respect thereto has merit and will commend itself to this Government's con-

sideration, if only for its obviation of separate correspondence in each case.

In reply, I have the pleasure to inform Your Excellency that the Government of Panamá accedes with pleasure to the request of that Legation in accordance with the terms and restrictions specified in Your Excellency's note No. 273 of the 15th instant which is thus answered.

I take this opportunity to renew to Your Excellency the assurances of my highest and most distinguished consideration.

NARCISO GARAY

*Secretary of Foreign Relations and
Communications*

His Excellency

Dr. FRANK P. CORRIGAN,

*Envoy Extraordinary and Minister Plenipotentiary
of the United States of America,
City.*